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1. Charter Information: The Icelandic motor vessel Jokulfell, owned by Samband Islenskra Samvinnufelaga, Reykjavik, arrived at Warnemunde, East Germany, on 12 May 1953 and discharged 900 tons of fish which originated in numerous small ports in Iceland; she departed in ballast on 16 May. This voyage was made for owner's account.
2. Entry and Security Measures: The Jokulfell was berthed on the western side of Neue Warnow. The ship was subjected to the usual security measures upon arriving and departing; she was boarded by approximately 10 Germans under the command of two Soviet security officers; all members of the crew were detained in the crew's mess and a complete search of the ship was made. Cameras, binoculars, magazines, newspapers, books and similar items were put under seal. The crew was allowed ashore until 2300 each day, the only penalty imposed on certain members of the crew who were about 15 minutes late in coming aboard was that they were restricted to the ship for the rest of the stay. Security officers stated that additional violations of security regulations would result in a heavy fine being levied against the owners of the ship.
3. Merchant Vessels: The Icelandic merchant ship Dettifoss (2918, owned by H/f Elmkipafelag Islands, Reykjavik) was berthed on the western side of Neue Warnow during part of the time the Jokulfell was in port; she was discharging a cargo of fish from Iceland, and departed in ballast. Two Finnish merchant ships of approximately 3000 gross tons each, and one Soviet merchant ship of approximately 5000 gross tons, were berthed along the western side of Neue Warnow; cargoes being loaded or discharged were not observed.
4. Shipyards: There is a shipyard located on the northern side of Harbour Basin but no details concerning it were available. There were two large passenger type merchant ships berthed adjacent to the shipyard each approximately 12,000 gross tons. Their nationality could not be determined or whether they were in the last stages of construction or merely under repair.
5. Landing Facilities: The entire length of the western side of Neue Warnow is used for berthing and working ships; this quay area is of masonry construction with a concrete apron. There are two or three single-storied wooden warehouses adjacent to the quay; they appeared to be in use but in a generally run-down condition.

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A shoreside jib-type crane mounted on railroad tracks was used to discharge the cargo of fish; this crane was estimated to have a capacity of approximately 5 tons. Source also observed 5 to 7 other cranes of similar type and capacity on the same quay.

6. Naval Vessels: No naval vessels of any kind were observed at Warnemunde. A small harbor craft carrying men in Soviet uniforms was seen; its use could not be determined.
7. Defense Installations: We had not observed defense installations or preparations in the port area at Warnemunde.
8. Construction: No signs of construction was observed in the port area.

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